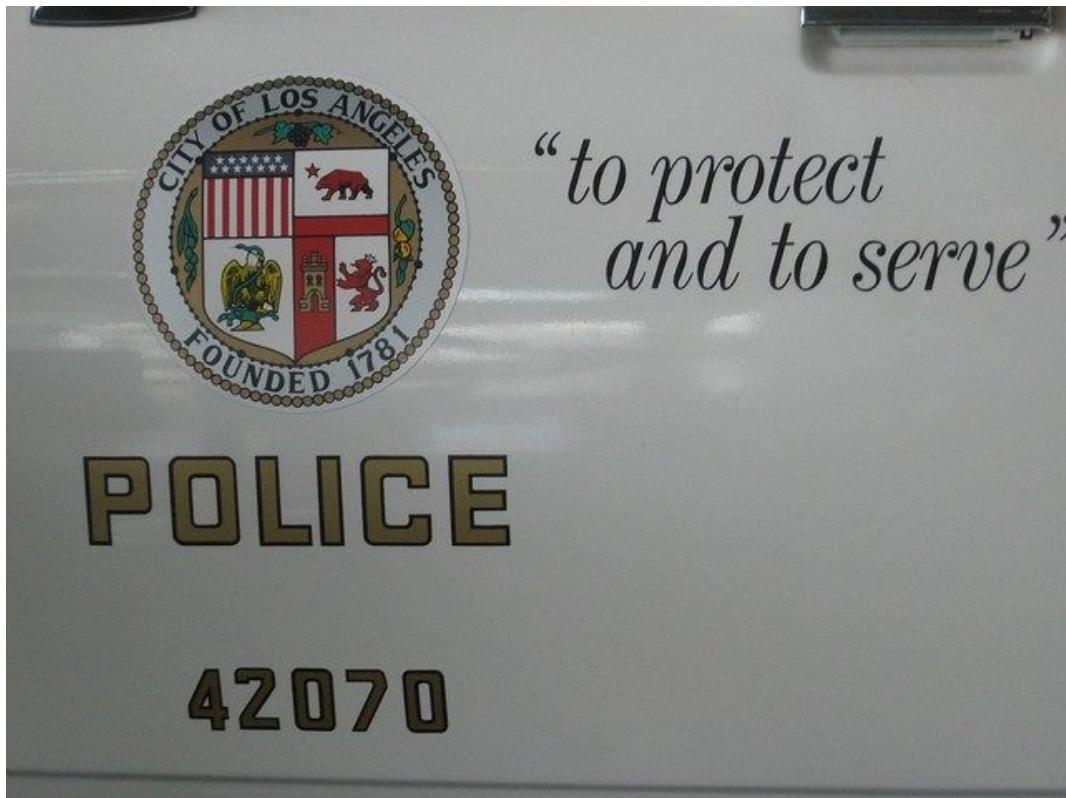


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LAPD Officers File Lawsuit Against City over Vaccine Mandate

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Six Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers filed a federal lawsuit on Saturday against L.A.'s vaccine mandate, which requires all city employees to be vaccinated by early October unless they have medical or religious exemptions.

The *Los Angeles Times* [reported](#):

The lawsuit, filed Saturday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, claims the mandate violates the employees' constitutional rights to

privacy and due process, and asks the court to provide immediate and permanent relief from the requirement.

The six LAPD employees suing include individuals “who could not assert a medical or religious exemption” to the vaccine requirement, as well as individuals who have “experienced and recovered from COVID-19” and have natural antibodies to fight the virus, the complaint states.

The lawsuit alleges the city’s mandate ignores the natural protections provided by such antibodies and claims the suing employees “can safely perform their job duties protecting themselves, fellow employees and the community they serve through non-pharmaceutical interventions such as daily health screenings, wearing masks, and quarantine.”

First responders nationwide have been among the more [vociferous](#) opponents of mandatory vaccination, though they are often exposed to more risks of infection. Ten LAPD employees have died from the coronavirus since the pandemic began.

Los Angeles firefighter John Knox, who leads a group called Firefighters for Freedom, [told](#) Breitbart News last week that the vaccine mandate violated members’ constitutional rights. Members of public sector unions, including the SEIU, have also [complained](#) that state and local vaccine mandates override provisions in the unions’ collective bargaining agreements.

Garcetti [proposed](#) the vaccine mandate in late July, when the Delta variant surge was at its peak. It was [ratified](#) 13-0 by the city council, and goes into effect in several weeks. Vaccine mandates are proving popular among some liberal voters.

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